

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph [0031] at page 9, line 20 with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0031] According to another embodiment shown in FIG. 3, the system 40 applies one or more stripes 16 using a tandem coloring process. The tandem system 40 includes a coloring die 42 that receives the optical fiber core section 12 coated with the coating 14. The coloring die 20, 42 can be any type known in the art, for example, as disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 4,125,644, incorporated herein by reference.